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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/826,147	Applicant(s) MUTTON ET AL.	
	Examiner YASIN M. BARQADLE	Art Unit 2456	

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 January 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15, 17-31, 33-36, 38-49, 51-54 and 56-77 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15, 17-31, 33-36, 38-49, 51-54 and 56-77 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Note: The prosecution for this case has been transferred to another Examiner.

All corresponding communications should be directed to Examiner's contact information, provided below.

- Claims 1-15, 17-31, 33-36, 38-49, 51-54 and 56-77 are presented for examination.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-15, 17-31, 33-36, 38-49, 51-54 and 71-77, drawn to a system for delivering streaming multi-media content over the Internet, classified in class 709, subclass 231 or 709/203.
- II. Claims 67, drawn to a system for distributing a website specification including at least one link encoded web page providing at least one of information and information services over a computer network, the system comprising: a web server responsively connected to the computer network, said web server for hosting the website; a web development workstation for specifying the at least one web page of the website, said web development workstation responsively connected to the computer

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network; a computer process hosted on the web development workstation for constructing at least one hyperlink into at least one web page so that the at least one web page is a link encoded web page: classified in class 715, subclass 202.

- III. Claims 69 and 70, drawn to a method for optimizing the distribution of at least one of information and information services over a computer network including generating at least one request for the at least one of information and information services responsive to the requirements of a dynamic resource distribution optimization program responsive to changes in network demand for the at least one of information and information services, classified in class 709, subclass 226.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention Group II has separate utility such as a system for distributing a website specification including at least one link encoded web page providing at least one of information and information services over a computer network, the system comprising: a web server responsively connected to the computer

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network, said web server for hosting the website; a web development workstation for specifying the at least one web page of the website, said web development workstation responsively connected to the computer network; a computer process hosted on the web development workstation for constructing at least one hyperlink into at least one web page so that the at least one web page is a link encoded web page. Also, Group III has separate utility such as a method for optimizing the distribution of at least one of information and information services over a computer network including generating at least one request for the at least one of information and information services responsive to the requirements of a dynamic resource distribution optimization program responsive to changes in network demand for the at least one of information and information services. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Groups II and III. The search required for Group II is not required for Groups I and III. Finally, the search required for Group III is not required for Groups I and II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yasin Barqadle whose telephone number is 571-272-3947. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571-272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2456